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STORY SO FAR

Born a human slave named Sakkara, Purgatori became an avenging vampire. Because the blood of Fallen Angels flows in her veins, she is the only one of her kind, part human, part vampire, and part angel, unique in all the cosmos in origin, anger, and uncompromising hunger. Ancient Egyptian prophecy promises she will one day lead an apocalyptic army, ascending to god-like supremacy. To dominate the earthly plane, she sometimes assumes false faces; disguised as Sakkara, CEO of Isis International, for example, she holds the reins of earthly powers. But at least two challenging creatures have penetrated her disguise: her lover Satrina and Karmilla, the vampire hunter!

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WHO
ARE YOU,
KARMIILLA?



ALL
YOU NEED
TO KNOW,
PURGATORI,
IS I KILL
VAMPIRES.

GOIN'
UP AGAINST
PURGATORI IS
INSANE.
BUT I'VE GOT NO
CHOICE! MY KIDS
WILL LIVE WHEN
PURGATORI
DIES!

BUT
SHE'S MORE
DANGEROUS
THAN ANY
BLOODSUCKER
I'VE
SLAIN -- AND
NASTIER!

SNARKT

HSSSTT!

THE
LITTLE BITCH
SAW THROUGH MY
HUMAN DISGUISE!
TRESPASSED ON MY
PRIVATE CHAMBERS!
TELEPORTED IN
WITHOUT MY
AWARENESS!

AND
HER LITTLE
MORTAL MIND
IS CLOSED TO
MY MENTAL
POWERS!
HOW?



SOMEONE
HELPED YOU,
HUMAN! SOME-
ONE, SOMETHING
POWERFUL!

TELL ME
WHO?

I AM SO
DEAD!

KRUNCH

ARRGHH!

SLAMMM

NO!
GOT TO
THINK ABOUT
ANDI AND
SARAH!

RATH
SENT YOU,
DIDN'T HE? HE'S
MISTAKEN IF HE
THINKS HE CAN BLOCK
MY ASCENSION TO
GODHOOD WITH
A HUMAN
SLAVE!

TELL ME,
OR I'LL BREAK
YOU, ONE BONE
AT A TIME.

BREAK
ME -- AN'
YOU'LL --NNNGH--
NEVER KNOW IF
ANYONE HELPED
ME!

AHH,
SCARY,
ISN'T
IT?



YOUR MASTER SHOULD HAVE GIVEN YOU A MUCH LARGER BLADE.

I CAN'T READ YOUR MIND, BUT I CAN OVERLOAD YOUR EVERY NERVE WITH EXCRUCIATING PAIN!

AHHH!

MOMENTS LATER, IN ANOTHER PRIVATE CHAMBER.

YOU'VE REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS? EXCELLENT.

HUMAN BLOOD IS TASTELESS! WEAK! IT CANNOT HELP ME REGAIN MY RIGHTFUL POWER!

BUT IF YOU'RE AWAKE AS YOU DRAIN, IF YOU FEEL THE PRICK OF MY KNIVES AND THE CHILL OF DEATH ENVELOP YOU, YOUR THIN ESSENCE WILL BE STIRRED INTO TURMOIL!

AND I SAVOR THE TASTE OF TURMOIL! HAHAAH!





Oh MY GOD...

NO. YOU ADDRESS YOUR GODDESS.

WHO HELPED YOU, SLAVE?

DAMN! BLADES ARE CLOSE!

I'M STILL GONNA MAKE YOU EAT STAKE, BLOOD-SUCKER!

ARCHH

I'M BLEEDING! I'M FRIGGIN' BLEEDING!



VERY WELL.
DO IT TELL ME.
AFTER I HAVE TASTED
YOUR LIFE, RUBBING
YOUR WARM BLOOD
INTO MY FLESH, YOU'LL
HAVE NO SECRETS,
PROUD LITTLE
BITCH.

mmmm...



CHOKE
ON IT!



HAHAHA!



POISON!
RRRAARGH!

YOUR
BLOOD --
SSPUTT!



YOU CALL ME HUMAN
LIKE IT'S THE WORSE
CURSE YOU KNOW --
BUT I'M MORE THAN
HUMAN. LATER,
PURGATORI -- HAVE
A NICE DEATH!



YOU
UNDERESTIMATE
ME, GIRL!

THERE
ARE LIMITS
TO BLOOD
ALCHEMY, BUT
YOU HAVEN'T
TESTED
THEM!



NO! SHE
DETOURED MY
TELEPORTATION!
WHERE ARE
WE NOW?

NORTH AMERICA'S
TUNDRA.

YOU
MAY HAVE
ESCAPED
MY BATH OF
BLOOD -- BUT
YOU'LL NOT
ESCAPE
DEATH!

ARRGGH!

MY
ALTERED
BLOOD DIDN'T
WASTE HER!
I'M IN
TROUBLE!

HUUNNHH!

I'LL MISS
THE PLEASURE
OF WATCHING YOUR
PATHETIC MORTAL
BODY FREEZE.

SLAM!

A SECOND LATER, BACK
IN HER PENTHOUSE, AS
TRANSPORTING ENERGIES
OF BLOOD ALCHEMY FADE --

HOWEVER,
SEIZING POWER
IS SWEETER
THAN MERE
REVENGE!

WHAT'S
THIS? AHA! I WAS
CORRECT!

ONLY YOU COULD
FURNISH MY WOULD-BE
ASSASSIN WITH THIS
ENCHANTED ARROW --
RATH!

I CRAVE
POWER, BLOOD-
FATHER -- SOME-
THING YOU HAVE IN
ABUNDANCE.

THE TUNDRA.

I'M
COMIN'.

NOTHIN'
GONNA
STOP --

MAMA'S
COMIN'.

SATRINA, THE BEGUILING
SUCCUBUS WHO WAS
ADAM'S FIRST WIFE IN
THE EDEN, IS ALSO
PURGATORI'S LOVER.

NOOO!

DAMN
YOU!

SATRINA,
YOU'VE GOT
TO HELP ME!
TELL ME WHO
TOOK MY
KIDS!

I'M AFRAID,
KARMILLA, YOU
MUST FIND
CONSOLATION IN THE
WAY MY CHILDREN
LOVE YOU, PURGATORI
LIVES -- AND YOUR
CHILDREN ARE STILL
CAPTIVES OF A
POWERFUL
ANCIENT.



MOMENTS LATER, IN THE
INVISIBLE VILLAGE OF
THE ANCIENTS.

WHERE
AM I NOW?
AIR'S SO HUMID,
IT'S LIKE
STEAM!

AND SO
PURE, I'M
DIZZY!

WHAT?

THE THREE ELDERS'
CHANT MUST NEVER
CEASE. THEIR BLOOD
MAGICK KEEPS THIS
PRIMEVAL PARADISE
SEPARATE FROM THE
TAINTED WORLD OF
MORTALS.

THE ANCIENTS SMELL
KARMILLA, BUT DO
NOT FALTER.

NOW I'M
DEFINITELY
OVER MY
HEAD!

GOTTA
FIND
PURGATORI
BEFORE SHE
FINDS ME --
WAIT!

HE'S USIN'
BLOOD ALCHEMY
TO TAKE A HUNTIN'
TRIP. I'M JUST
GLAD HE'S NOT
HUNTIN' ME.

MOMENTS
LATER.

HEY, MAYBE
THE ANCIENTS
ARE *ALL* HUNTIN'
AND I WON'T
HAVE TO DEAL
WITH--

OH MY
GOD--

RATH!

I'M
HUNGRY TO
LEARN *MORE*
ABOUT THE
MYSTERIES OF
THE BLOOD!
ABOUT MY
POWER!

YOU
MADE ME --
YOU'RE THE
ONLY ONE WHO
CAN SHOW ME.
YOU OWE
ME!

WHAT
AM I
INTO?

TO
SAVE MY KIDS.
I STEPPED INTO
DARKNESS -- BUT I
DIDN'T PLAN ON
BEING *SUCKED*
INTO A BLACK
HOLE!



MY BLOOD
GAVE YOU ETERNAL
LIFE, TRUE - BUT
IF ANYTHING, ~~MADE~~
YOU, IT WAS YOUR
RAGE.

I DON'T
WANT CLEVER
TALK, I WANT
POWER!

A
HUMAN
GOT TO
ME!



WHAT HAVE
I BECOME
IF A HUMAN
GOT THIS
CLOSE TO
ME?

FLATTER
HIM JUST A
LITTLE MORE
AND HE'LL
REVEAL HIS
SCHEME!

YOU'RE
THE MOST
POWERFUL
ANCIENT.

ONLY
YOU
KNOW.



BOOM!

you
reached me
here, without
my help!

AND YOU
PRET OVER
~~MADE~~MADEALS,
WERE TALKING
APES?



YOU MADE ME, BUT YOU DON'T DESERVE TO TOUCH ME!

YOU EMPOWERED ONE OF THOSE "TALKING APES" TO WOUND ME, BUT YOU FAILED, HYPOCRITE!

WHAT?
NONSENSE!



ARCDAGEODON IS COODING, the vacopire clans are at WAR! BUT I WANT NO PART IN IT THAT makes me the only vacopire you can TRUST.

HSSST!



WAAAIIT. SATRINA SAID A POWERFUL ANCIENT STOLE MY KIDS!



HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH! WHO ASSAULTED ME, THEN? DRACULA? JADE?

WAIT! I SENSE KARMILLA! SHE'S NEAR!



I CAN HUMILIATE RATH AND TAKE CARE OF HER WITH ONE LIE. RATH KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT KARMILLA AND HER BRATS -- BUT KARMILLA DOESN'T KNOW THAT!



YOU CLAIM YOU'RE ABOVE MEDDLING WITH THE HUMAN HERD, RATH -- WHY THEN DID YOU KIDNAP KARMILLA'S CHILDREN?

WHAT?
WHO?



PURGATORI'S NOT MY TARGET -- RATH IS!



BASTARD
GIMME MY
KIDS!

OH, THE
DIVINE CHAOS!
HAHAHA!

RRAGGH!

A HUCDAN,
IN THE INVISIBLE
VILLAGE? ARCEO
WITCH WEAPONS
OF THE
ANCIENTS?

DACON
you,
PURGATORI -
what have
you DONE?

STHUCK

STUPID!
I DON'T
KNOW RATH
TOOK MY
BABES!

I CAN'T
BELIEVE THE
WORD OF A
BLOODSUCKER!
CAN'T BELIEVE
ANYONE!



ANDI
AND SARAH
ARE LOST! AND
IF PURGATORI
DOESN'T RIP
MY HEAD OFF,
RATH WILL!

UNLESS --

I PLAYED
YOU SO EASILY,
KARMILLA, SEDUCED
YOU INTO
ATTACKING
RATH!

BUT I HAVEN'T
FORGOTTEN YOUR
PUNISHMENT.

HAHAHA!

WHAT? WHERE
THE ARROW
PENETRATED,
MY FLESH -- IS
CORRUPTED!

PURGATORI!!!
MY SANCTUARY'S
POISONED.

RUN --
I'M ON FIRE
TO HEAR
YOUR DEATH
SCREAM!

WAIT --
THAT BLADE!
I KNOW
IT.



YOU'RE
NOT WORTHY
OF THE
SPINE OF
EDEN!



HOW
DID YOU
GET IT?

COME
ON, COME
ON!



NO.



PURGATORI SNAGGED
THE WITCH'S SWORD!
WE NAILED HER!

BUT
HOW DO I
GET OUTTA
HERE
ALIVE --

NNGH!

who charmed
that stolen arrow,
hucdan? tell
me!



INTERLUDE. CASTLE DRACULA.

I HAVE *SURRENDERED* MY CHERISHED HERMIT EXISTENCE, TO *RULE* THE WORLD ONCE MORE, IN ORDER TO *SAVE* IT.

GENERAL CODRESCU -- YOU CLAIM TRANSYLVANIAN *HERITAGE*, YOU BEG TO BE *PART* OF MY *NEW WORLD ORDER*. MAKE YOURSELF *USEFUL*; *REPORT*.

MOST EXCELLENT LORD DRACULA, I WAS TO BE ADDRESSED AS *LORD COD* --

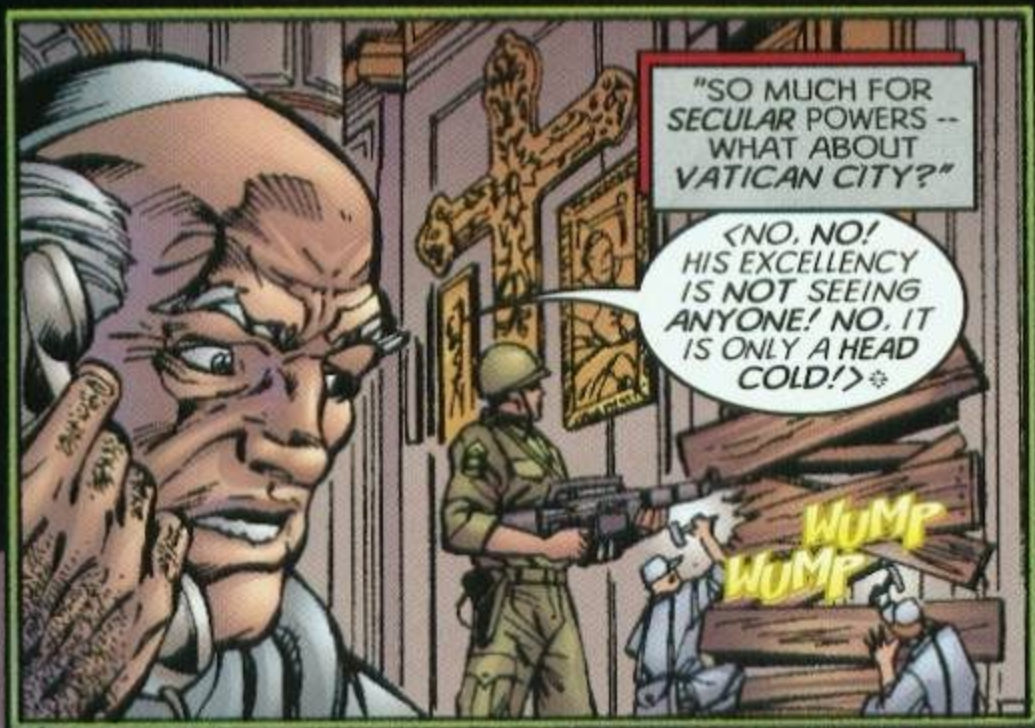
WHEN MY *EMPIRE* IS *SECURE*, *PERHAPS* YOU MAY CLAIM *NOBILITY* -- *REPORT!*

"LORD DRACULA, YOUR CHILDREN HAVE BEEN *DEPLOYED* --"

"-- FROM BERLIN'S NEW CAPITAL COMPLEX TO THE TRADE CENTERS OF HONG KONG!"

"CONVERSION --"

"-- PROCEEDS ON SCHEDULE!"



"SO MUCH FOR
SECULAR POWERS --
WHAT ABOUT
VATICAN CITY?"

<NO, NO!
HIS EXCELLENCY
IS NOT SEEING
ANYONE! NO, IT
IS ONLY A HEAD
COLD!>

WUMP
WUMP

TRANSLATED
FROM THE ITALIAN.

<LORD
DRACULA!
WE ARE READY
TO SERVE
YOU!>



MADONNA!

<YOU
CAN'T DO THIS!
I CAN SAVE OUR
PEOPLE! HE IS
RISEN! HE IS
THE LIGHT AND
THE WAY!>

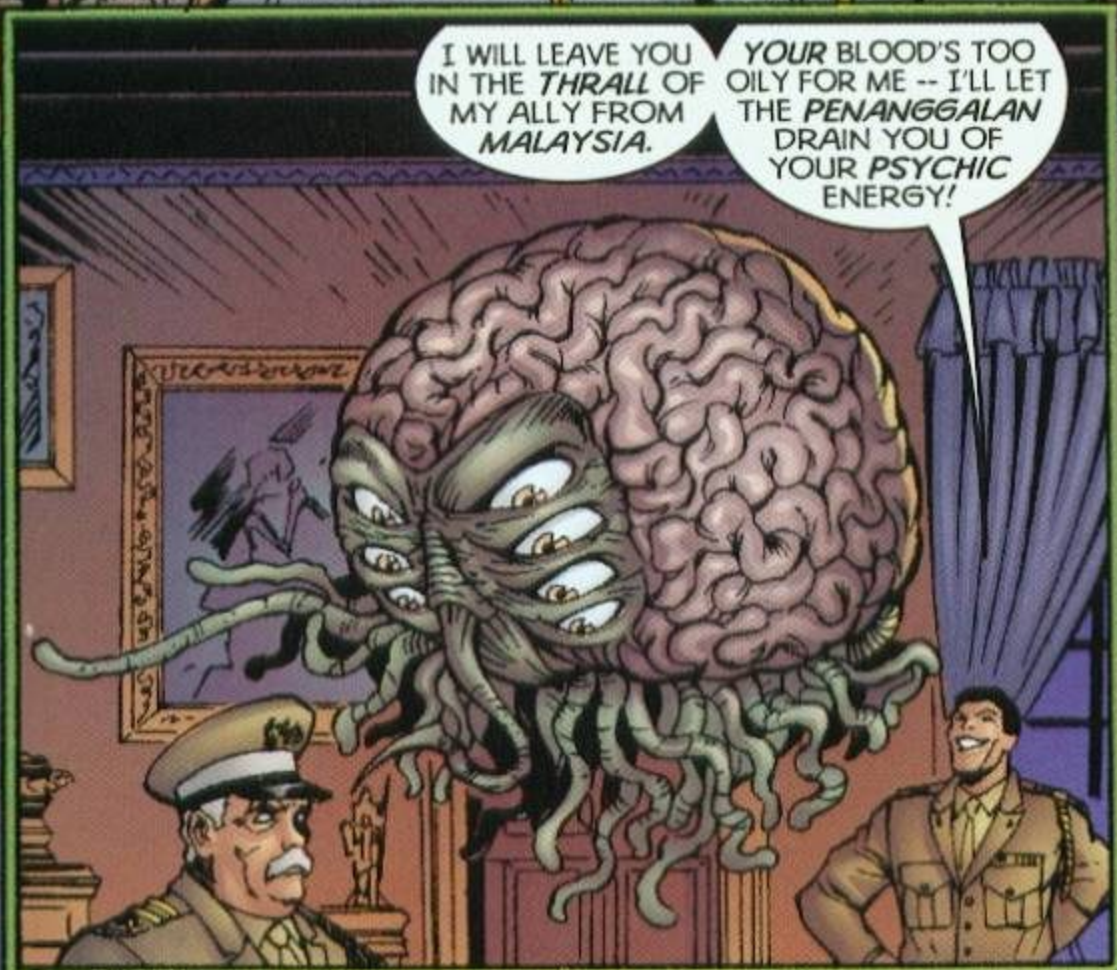


"THE PONTIFF'S HANDLERS
WILL MANIPULATE THE MEDIA
FOR A TIME -- BUT WHERE HE
LEADS, HIS CULT WILL FOLLOW."



THANK YOU,
GENERAL.

YOU DELUDED,
MERCENARY
SLAVE.



I WILL LEAVE YOU
IN THE THRALL OF
MY ALLY FROM
MALAYSIA.

YOUR BLOOD'S TOO
OILY FOR ME -- I'LL LET
THE PENANGGALAN
DRAIN YOU OF
YOUR PSYCHIC
ENERGY!



I HAVE
BUSINESS IN
SHANGHAI --
WITH
JADE!

THE INVISIBLE VILLAGE.

NNNGH!

RATH'S GONE!

OF COURSE!
RATH THINKS
HE'S TOO PURE
TO DIRTY HIS HANDS
DESTROYING
YOU! BUT I
HAVE NO SUCH
PRETENSIONS!

TOO
LATE, BLOOD-
SUCKER. ACCORDIN'
TO SATRINA, THE
HARDER YOU RESIST
HER MAGICK SWORD
THE HARDER IT
TEARS YOU
APART!

SATRINA?
I WAS
BETRAYED... BY
MY LOVE

ARRRGH!

POOOON!



I WAS BORN A HUMAN SLAVE, BUT I EVOLVED. BLOOD OF FALLEN ANGELS AND ANCIENT VAMPIRES BOILS WITHIN ME -- AND STILL, I EVOLVE!

YOU EXPLODED IN A CLOUD OF BLOOD! W-WHAT ARE YOU?

DESIRE AND MY MAGICK FORTIFY ME, BUT MY GREATEST STRENGTH IS MY RAGE! WITNESS! ENRAGED BY YOUR FOOLISH ADMISSION OF SATRINA'S INVOLVEMENT, NOTHING STOPS ME!

RAGE WILL MAKE ME A GODDESS -- A GODDESS WHO WILL TEACH THE COSMOS THE MEANING OF FEAR!



HER BLOOD'S EVERYWHERE! I'M SLIPPIN'!



Oh MY GOD, NO!

YESSSS!

PLOOOOSH



MY POWER IS TERRIBLE TO BEHOLD, IS IT NOT? IN THIS PLACE, IT'S AT ITS PEAK



WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU?



NO!



GO TO HELL.

OH, I HAVE BEEN TO HELL AND BACK. ENJOY YOUR VISIT.



SPAC

ONE NIGHT LATER.
SHANGHAI. THE
SUN NIGHTCLUB.

SO, Ms.
SAKKARA,
WHAT BRINGS
YOU
HERE?

A
WOMAN,
KNOW
HER?

PARDON
ME --

MADAME WILL
COME WITH
US.

I'LL FINISH
MY *DRINK* FIRST,
GENTLEMEN.

HMMM,
HONG KONG
MOBSTERS --
MALAYSIAN
VAMPIRES.

SATRINA
HAS HIDDEN
HERSELF FROM MY
WRATH, BUT JADE'S
BUILT QUITE A LITTLE
EMPIRE. TIME TO
TEAR IT DOWN --
AND MAY THE
BATTLE BE
BLOODY!

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Jade!

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